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Serial No.: 09/882,363

Filed: June 15, 2001

Title: **ASSESSING THE CONDITION OF A  
JOINT AND PREVENTING DAMAGE**

Examiner: J. Foreman

Art Unit: 3736

Confirmation No.: 6739

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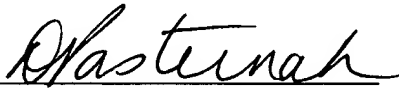
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